

FLLC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Faith Lutheran Learning Center is to serve the community and enrich families by meeting the individual needs of children for physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual growth. We believe that early childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring, and discovery.

Program Overview

- Faith Lutheran Learning Center (FLLC) is a non-profit, church-sponsored program that serves children from age two through fifth grade.
- Children are admitted regardless of race, creed, color, sex, nationality, religion, family background, or disability.
- We are a Type 1 childcare facility, licensed by the State of Kentucky for 65 children (through the Cabinet for Human Resources, Division of Licensing and Regulation).
- We are open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.
- Our program is **CLOSED** on the following observed holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after, and the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day. Additionally, a teacher in-service day is set annually for the day before the Fayette County School year begins.

Program Goals

- 1. Meet the basic needs of children for:**
 - Good health and physical development
 - Attention, acceptance, and affection
 - Opportunities to experience success and to test their mental, physical, and social powers
 - Self-identity and a sense of personal worth
 - Security of consistent and gentle discipline
 - Relations with adults and children that recognize individual rights
 - Respect of adults and children
- 2. Foster the unique abilities and meet the individual needs of each child**
- 3. Use related knowledge from all professions and draw upon the resources of the community in developing programs for children and their families**
- 4. Provide adequate and appropriate adult guidance, health, education, and welfare service for the child to be:**
 - Physically and mentally healthy
 - Increasingly skillful in using language and understanding concepts
 - Able to perceive and cope with problems
 - Observant and attentive, responsible, self-directed, and self-disciplined
- 5. Help children feel at ease about being away from home and able to accept involvement with adults and other children**
- 6. Strengthen family ties, through participation in the program; helping parents understand their children better**

7. **Develop responsible attitudes between the children, their families, and the community**
8. **Provide appropriate role models for spiritual, emotional, and social growth by:**
 - Providing settings and a program of Christian nurturing
 - Providing opportunities for children and parents to meet with the Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church on a voluntary basis
 - **In NO way does any employee of FLLC or member of Faith Lutheran Church use the program to promote Lutheran ideology. We simply try to emphasize basic Christian attributes of love, forgiveness, understanding, and charity.**
9. **To select appropriate activities that will contribute to:**
 - The developmental needs of the child
 - The child's opportunity and ability to make choices throughout his/her day
 - A balance of quiet and active play; group and individual activities

Curriculum and Activities

- **In accordance with developmentally-appropriate practice, our curriculum includes:**
 - Sharing and conversation skills
 - Language Arts – letters, stories, songs, and fingerplays
 - Creative arts and crafts
 - Large muscle activities
 - Fine motor development
 - Math – shapes, colors, numbers
 - Science – food preparation, nature, experiments
 - On-site 'field trips' (guest speakers)
 - Celebrations of birthdays and holidays
 - Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum
 - KY Early Childhood Standards
- **Curriculum themes are selected by the teachers in each classroom and distributed to parents weekly.** Lessons plans are also posted outside the classroom each week in accordance with state childcare licensing regulations.
- We have a fenced, outdoor play area with wood chip mulch. The children are taken outside for play one-two times daily for a minimum of 30 minutes.